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Note verbale dated 22 December 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to enclose herewith the national report of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 22 December 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

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Report of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Security Council on nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

The accession of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on 11 October 1988, to the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, is a firm indication of the Kingdom's commitment to the articles of the said Treaty. Bahrain possesses no nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction of any kind and exerts every effort to ensure the non-proliferation of such weapons in the Middle East, thus complying with the General Assembly resolutions calling for the conclusion of an agreement on the prevention of further proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Bahrain states its support for all research and development efforts with the International Atomic Energy Agency aimed at promoting the said Treaty, inasmuch as Bahrain is convinced that it is essential for the States parties to the Treaty to apply this principle and incumbent on them to exchange scientific information with a view to promoting the development of nuclear energy applications for peaceful purposes.

Bahrain also calls upon nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty not to transfer any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and not to help or encourage any other State that does not possess nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices to manufacture or acquire such weapons or gain control over them in any other way.

Bahrain further states that it is not in possession of any of the weapons mentioned above or of raw materials or fissile materials specifically prepared for the preparation, use or production of the said weapons and that it does not have any nuclear installations.